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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ALLIED-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON BERLIN

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FRENCH SUPPORT OUR STAND ON ALLIED-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON BERLIN, BUT REMAIN CONCERNED THAT FRG IS OCCASIONALLY OVERSTEPPING SPIRIT OF QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH PLAISANT (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE) APRIL 11, WE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ALLIED-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON BERLIN. WE UNDERLINED MAIN POINTS IN PARAS 1-3 OF REF A AND ASKED PLAISANT'S VIEWS. HE SAID THAT FRENCH AGREE WITH WASHINGTON'S JUDGMENT THAT OVER THE COMING MONTHS, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT SEE FOUR-POWER INTERVENTION AS AN APPROPRIATE MEANS OF HANDLING CURRENT

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PROBLEMS RE BERLIN (ALTHOUGH HE COMMENTED THAT

FOUR-POWER DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ACCESS  
QUESTIONS IT MAY BECOME AN ISSUE).

3. IN HIS VIEW, THE ALLIES ARE IN A DECIDEDLY WEAK  
POSITION TO ENGAGE THE SOVIETS IN CONSULTATIONS ON  
BERLIN, EVEN IF FOR SOME REASON THE ALLIES THOUGHT THIS  
WOULD BE A PROPER MOVE. CITING THE PRECEDENTS OF THE  
NPT EXTENSION, THE BRUECKMANN CASE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN BERLIN, PLAISANT  
SAID THAT AN OBJECTIVE OBSERVER COULD CONCLUDE  
THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF REASON ON THEIR  
SIDE IN COMPLAINING ABOUT THESE FRG INITIATIVES CONCERN-  
ING BERLIN.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE ADDED, THE ALLIED RECORD ON  
THE LORENZ CASE AND ON THE EC VOCATIONAL CENTER SHOWED  
THAT THE ALLIES HAD TAKEN PROPER PRECAUTIONS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT  
IN BOTH CASES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE RECALLED HIS  
EARLIER REMARKS TO US (PARA 2, REF B) CONCERNING THE  
NEED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE THREE ALLIES ON  
ANY EFFORTS TO EXTEND EC COMPETENCE TO BERLIN. HE  
REPEATED HIS CONCERN THAT EC DECISIONS NOT BECOME AUTO-  
MATICALLY APPLICABLE TO BERLIN WITHOUT ALLIED AGREEMENT  
AND HE ADDED THAT, SHOULD WE PERMIT DE FACTO AUTOMATI-  
CITY TO CREEP IN, WE RISK PRESENTING THE SOVIETS WITH A  
CHALLENGE TO THEIR VIEWS ON THE BERLIN REGIME WHICH  
MOSCOW WILL NOT BE ABLE TO IGNORE -- WITH FORESEEABLE  
AND UNPLEASANT CONSEQUENCES FOR US ALL. POINTING TO A  
COPY OF THE EC TREATIES WHICH WAS DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY  
ON HIS DESK, PLAISANT SAID THAT HE IS SPENDING AN  
INCREASING AMOUNT OF HIS TIME ON THE PROBLEM OF BERLIN  
WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF EC DEVELOPMENTS. HE CONCLUDED  
THAT, IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL, THE SOVIETS WILL ADD  
"BRUSSELS" TO "BONN" IN THEIR LIST OF CAPITALS WHICH ARE  
UNDERTAKING "ILLEGAL" STEPS IN BERLIN.

5. COMMENT: BASED ON PLAISANT'S COMMENTS, WE BELIEVE  
FRENCH WILL SUPPORT OUR OPPOSITION TO POSSIBLE ALLIED-  
SOVIET CONSULTATIONS ON BERLIN AT THIS TIME. FRENCH  
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PREOCCUPATION WITH WHAT THEY VIEW AS OCCASIONAL EXCESSES  
IN FRG VIGOR IN BUILDING BONN-WEST BERLIN TIES, HOWEVER,  
IS REAL. WHILE EMBASSY PARIS IS NOT IN POSITION TO  
WEIGH THE MERITS OF THESE FRENCH CONCERNS, WE SUGGEST  
DEPARTMENT GIVE THEM APPROPRIATE ATTENTION.  
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